

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete and insert the following, as indicated below:

Page 1: immediately below the title, insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS


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above the first paragraph beginning at line 9, delete the heading which appears in brackets, and insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 4: ~~delete~~ the existing heading in brackets before the first full paragraph beginning at line 5, and insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

 Page 12: delete the existing heading in brackets before the first full paragraph beginning at line 9, and insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 12: between the third and fourth full paragraphs, delete the existing heading in brackets which appears at line 21, and insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

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